ergy Regulatory Board, by all sections of population and throughout the year, are safe and harmless.

Import of rice from Thailand

467. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import rice from Thailand;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the quantum of rice and the rate at which it is proposed to be imported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The Government is keeping open the option to import rice from other countries including Thailand, in order to replenish the buffer stocks.

(c) the quantity of rice to be imported will depend on its availability and the price offered.

Visit of foreign tourists in India

468. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for visit by foreign tourists in the country for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) the number of foreign tourists actually visited India during these years;

(c) whether Government have set a higher target for the arrival of foreign tourists in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the number of foreign tourists expected to visit the country by the end of 1990; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Statistics of foreign tourist arrivals are maintained on Calendar Year basis. The targets set and the actual arrivals of foreign tourists during 1986 and 1987 were as given below:

Number of foreign tourists (excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh)

Year	Target	Actual
1986 . . .	10,00,000	10,80,050
1987 . . .	11,50,000	11,63,774

(c) to (e) In keeping with the growth rate of 7 percent projected by the Planning Commission, the target for arrival of foreign tourists by 1990 is 1.5 million. However, efforts are being made internally to exceed this target so as to reach 2.5 million by 1990 depending on the augmentation of infrastructure and other facilities.

Target for production of fertilizers

469. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for production of fertilizers during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the achievements made in production of fertilizers upto 1987-88; and

(c) the quantum of fertilizers expected to be produced during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The targets for production of feritlizers for 1988-89 the fourth Year of the Seventh Five Year Plan are given as under:—

Nitrogen	64.00 lakh tonnes
P205	22 00 lakh tonnes

(b) Year-wise production during the VII Plan period upto 1987-88 is as under:—

lakh tonnes

Year	Nitrogen	P_2O_5
1985-86 . . .	43.28	14.27
1986-87 . . .	54.10	16.60
1987-88 . . .	54.66	16.63

(c) The estimated production of fertilizers in terms of nutrients during the remaining period of the VII Five Year Plan is given as under:—

Year	Nitrogen	P_2O_5
1988-89 . . .	64.00	22.00
1989-90 . . .	65.60	22.50

T.V. transmitters in Orissa

470. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of T.V. relay centres set up in Orissa and total area and population covered by them; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more T.V. relay centres in Orissa in 1988-89, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The TV transmitters are at present functioning at Cuttack, Sambalpur, Berhampur, Koraput, Rourkela, Bhawanipatna, Baripada, Jeypore and Sundergarh in the State of Orissa providing TV service to about 146.7 lakhs, people spread roughly over an area of aboute 41 per cent of the State.

(b) It is envisaged to replace the existing Low Power TV transmitter at Bhawanipatna by a High Power (10 KW) TV transmitter and also establish Low Power (100 W) TV transmitters one each at Phulbani, Baleshwar, Bhanjanagar, Bolangir and Keonjhargarh during the remaining part of the VII Plan period. However, completion of these schemes during the current financial year itself would depend upon the availability of equipment and other infrastructural facilities.

Allocation for RLEGP

471. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the allocation for the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the amount earmarked, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) For the year 1987-88, the States/UTs were allotted an amount of Rs. 63955.96 lakhs including the cost of foodgrains at subsidised rates under Rural Landles Employment Guarantee Programme. For the year 1988-89, the Government have tentatively allocated an amount of Rs. 67995.00 lakhs including the cost of foodgrains at subsidised rates to the States/UTs under the programme. A statement indicating State/UT-wise tentative amounts allocated including the cost of foodgrains at subsidised rates for the year 1988-89, is annexed.